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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. P043D2C3C)

In the Application of: )  
FARMWALD et al. )  
Serial No: 09/492,982 )  
Filed: JANUARY 27, 2000 )  
Title: METHOD OF OPERATING A MEMORY )  
DEVICE HAVING A VARIABLE DATA )  
INPUT LENGTH )

Group  
Art Unit: 2818  
Before  
Examiner: T. Nguyen

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

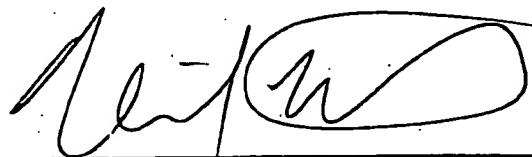
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, submitted herewith is a modified Form PTO-1449, including a copy of all of the documents listed therein.

The documents listed in the PTO-1449 have been recently identified in a Notice of Opposition filed against European Patent EP 1 004 956 (Hereinafter the "OPPOSITION"). EP 1 004 956 contains claims that are similar to claims in U.S. Patent 6,034,918, the parent of the instant application. A copy of the OPPOSITION is also submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner make his consideration of these references formally of record with the next Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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